Appl. No. 10/542,267

Amendment dated September 21, 2007

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Amendments to the Claims:

The below listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in

the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1 - 88 canceled.

Claim 89 (Withdrawn): Airbag manufacturing apparatus comprising a tube of film

and a sealing station, said tube of film being arranged to be fed to said sealing station

which station, in use, is arranged to apply seals across the width of a tube to trap air in

the tube between two spaced seals, with air being arranged to be supplied to be

trapped between two spaced seals through the tube, from an open end of the tube,

characterised in that the tube is arranged to be bunched up in the axial extent of the

tube.

Claim 90 (Withdrawn). Apparatus as claimed in Claim 89 including a supply station

in which the tube is arranged to be supplied to the sealing station from the supply

station with the supply station being arranged to maintain a passage through the tube.

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Claim 91 (Withdrawn): Apparatus as claimed in Claim 89 in which the air that is

arranged to be trapped between two spaced seals is arranged to pass through the

interior wall of the tube with the rube having nothing in it along its bunched up length.

Claim 92 (Withdrawn): Apparatus as claimed in Claim 90 in which the supply station

includes a hollow member around which the tube is located.

Claim 93 (Withdrawn): Apparatus as claimed in Claim 92 in which air that is

arranged to be trapped between two spaced seals is arranged to pass through the

interior of the hollow member.

Claim 94 (Withdrawn): Apparatus as claimed in Claim 89 in which the air that is

arranged to be trapped between two spaced seals is arranged to pass through the

interior of the tube over the exposed interior wall of the tube.

Claim 95 (Withdrawn): Apparatus as claimed in Claim 89 in which the bunched up

tube is arranged to maintain an opening throughout its length by maintaining such an

opening solely as a result of compression induced during bunching of the tube.

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Claim 96 (Withdrawn): Apparatus as claimed in claim 90 in which the supply station

is removably mounted on the apparatus.

Claim 97 (Withdrawn): Apparatus as claimed in Claim 89 in which the tube of the

film is arranged to pass over a spreader having a greater extent in the direction across

the tube in the direction that a seal is arranged to be made by the sealing station than in

a direction transverse thereto.

Claim 98 (Withdrawn): Apparatus as claimed in Claim 89 in which the frequency of

the operation of the sealing station is adjustable.

Claim 99 (Withdrawn): Apparatus as claimed in Claim 89 in which the rate of feed of

the tube past the sealing station is adjustable.

Claim 100 (Withdrawn): Apparatus as claimed in Claim 89 in which the air that is

arranged to be trapped between two spaced seals of the tube is supplied by a fan.

Claim 101 (Withdrawn): A method of forming bags containing air comprising

supplying air to a tube from which the bags are formed from one end of the tube,

through the tube, and past a sealing station and effecting a seal across the tube by the

sealing station, characterised in that the method further comprises passing air through

the tube with the tube having been bunched up in the axial extent of the tube.

Claim 102 (Withdrawn): A method as claimed in claim 101 comprising passing the

tube over a spreader when loading the machine with the tube and supporting the

spreader with the tube.

Claim 103 (Withdrawn): A method as claimed in Claim 101 comprising varying the

amount of air in a given length of bag.

Claim 104 (Currently amended): Airbag manufacturing apparatus comprising a [[A]]

cartridge including a tube of film and a sealing station, the tube of film being arranged to

be fed to said sealing station which station, in use, is arranged to apply seals across the

width of a tube to trap air in the tube between two spaced seals, with air being arranged

to be supplied to be trapped between two spaced seals through the tube, from an open

end of the tube, characterized in that the tube is arranged to be bunched up in the axial

extent of the tube when the tube of film is used in the apparatus of Claim 89.

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Claim 105 (Currently amended): A cartridge arranged, in use, to be made into air bags

comprising an elongate tube from which air bags are to be made, the tube including a

passage throughout the length thereof through which, in use, air is arranged to pass in

order to comprise the air in the air bags, characterised characterized in that the tube

has been bunched up along its elongate axis such that the length of the bunched up film

is less than the length of the extended film.

Claim 106 (Original): A cartridge as claimed in claim 105 in which the film is

detached from at least one end of a container of the tube.

Claim 107 (Original): A cartridge as claimed in Claim 105 including an elongate

member extending through the tube through which member air is arranged to flow.

Claim 108 (Withdrawn): Use of a cartridge comprising an elongate tube that is

bunched up along its elongate axis in the manufacture of air bags comprising passing

air through the tube in order to comprise the air in the air bags.

Claim 109 (New): A cartridge arranged, in use, to be made into air bags comprising

an elongate tube from which air bags are to be made the tube including a passage

throughout the length thereof through which, in use, air is arranged to pass in order to

comprise the air in the air bags.

Claim 110 (New): A cartridge as claimed in claim 109 in which the passage is

arranged to be open even when air is not passing through the film.

Claim 111 (New): A cartridge as claimed in claim 109 in which the tube has been

bunched up along its elongate axis such that the length of the bunched up film is less

than the length of the extended film.

Claim 112 (New): A cartridge as claimed in claim 110 in which the passage is

arranged to be open through the natural roll flexure of the bunched up film.

Claim 113 (New): A cartridge as claimed in claim 110 including a container within

which the film is located

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Claim 114 (New): A cartridge as claimed in claim 110 in which the film is detached

from the container around the side of the film.

Claim 115 (New): A cartridge as claimed in claim 114 in which the film is detached

from at least one end of the container.

Claim 116 (New): A cartridge as claimed in claim 110 including an elongate member

extending through the tube through which member air is arranged to flow.

Claim 117 (New): A cartridge as claimed in claim 116 in which the elongate member

comprises a carrier.